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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 26 November 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Briefing by Ambassador Edouard Brunner, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Georgia

Burundi

UNDOF (S/1996/959)

Liberia (S/1996/962)

Other matters

FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 3rd meeting of the General Committee will take place on Wednesday, 27 November 1996, at *9.15 a.m.* in Conference Room 4 (see p. 6).

Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at *3 p.m.* on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of November, except on those days when no consultations of the whole of the Council are scheduled. *Today*'s briefing will take place in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m.	65th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Strengthening of the United Nations system [48]
2. Report of the Security Council (A/51/2) [11].

3 p.m.	66th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council (A/51/2) [11].

Informal consultations

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on draft proposals submitted under item 21:

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

(A/51/L.24, L.25, L.26 and L.27)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

3 p.m.- 5 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/51/L.23 (item 96), A/C.2/51/L.19 (item 96 (d)), A/C.2/51/ L.15 (item 96 (e)), A/C.2/51/L.11 (item 97), A/C.2/51/L.10 (item 97 (a)), A/C.2/51/L.9 (item 97 (b)) and A/C.2/51/L.4 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/51/L.36) (item 97 (f))

5 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/51/L.38 (item 95 (b)), A/C.2/51/L.37 (item 12), A/C.2/51/L.8 (item 98) and A/C.2/51/L.18 (item 96 (f))

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	52nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	53rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [110] (A/53/3 (Parts I and II), A/51/81, A/51/87, A/51/90, A/51/114, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/210, A/51/462-S/1996/831, A/51/664-S/1996/930, A/C.3/51/9)

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/51/201, A/51/395, A/51/453 and Add.1, A/51/457, A/51/480, A/51/506, A/51/536, A/51/539, A/51/542 and Add.1 and Add.2, A/51/552, A/51/555, A/51/558, A/51/561, A/51/641, A/51/650, A/51/153, A/51/170, A/51/290, A/C.3/51/6, A/C.3/51/17)

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.56, L.60, L.62, L.65, L.70 and L.71

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.36, L.45, L.46, L.47, L.48/Rev.1, L.50 and L.52, L.54, L.57 and L.58

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/51/347, A/51/459, A/51/460, A/51/466, A/51/478, A/51/479, A/51/481, A/51/483 and Add.1, A/51/490, A/51/496, A/51/507, A/51/538, A/51/556, A/51/557, A/51/651, A/51/652-S/1996/903, A/51/657, A/51/660, A/51/663, A/51/665, A/483/Add.2, A/496/Add.1, A/51/80-S/1996/ 194), A/51/189, A/51/203-E/1996/86, A/51/204, A/51/271, A/51/532-S/1996/864, A/C.3/51/3, A/C.3/51/8, A/C.3/51/10, A/C.3/51/11, A/C.3/51/12, A/C.3/51/13, A/C.3/51/15, A/C.3/51/16, A/C.3/51/L.18*)

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.43, L.44, L.63, L.66, L.68 and L.69

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.40, L.49 and L.55

4. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.67

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/51/36)

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.42

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Human resources management (A/C.5/49/63, A/C.5/49/64, A/C.5/50/64, A/C.5/51/1, A/C.5/51/3, A/C.5/51/6, A/C.5/51/7, A/51/304 and Corr.1, A/51/421 and Corr.1, A/C.5/49/13, A/C.5/49/60 and Add.1-2 and Add.2/Corr.1, A/C.5/50/2 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.8 and A/C.6/51/7))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/50/11/Add.2 and Corr.1))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [149] (A/51/26, A/51/115, A/51/126)

2. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-ninth session [148] (A/C.6/51/L.7 and L.8)

3. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [142] (A/C.6/51/L.9/Rev.1)

4. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [143] (A/C.6/51/L.12)

5. United Nations Decade of International Law [145] (A/C.6/51/L.6/Rev.1, A/C.6/51/L.11, A/C.6/51/L.13)

WORKING GROUP ON THE QUESTION CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER RELATED TO THE ASSISTANCE TO THIRD STATES AFFECTED BY THE APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE CHARTER

Morning*	closed meeting	Conferencep Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 47th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on a draft resolution under item 151 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

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* Following the adjournment of the meeting of the Working Group.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Financing of the International Tribunal for Rwanda

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	225th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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The Extended Bureau of the Committee on Information will hold consultations with the Department of Public Information *today*, 26 November 1996 at 12 noon in Room S-1027.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 26 November 1996

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: global financial integration)

9.30 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: communications)

10.30 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: trade and development)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: letter by the Chairman on periodicity for discussion of items)

1.30 p.m.-1.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations convened by the Coordinator on a draft resolution concerning measures to eliminate international terrorism *today*, 26 November 1996, at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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Informal meetings

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti (UNSMIH) will be held *today*, 26 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka (UNMOP) will be held *today*, 26 November 1996, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 27 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.15 a.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/232);

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/233).

10 a.m. 67th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [42]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/386);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.19).

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [26]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/265 and Add.1);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.7/Rev.1).

3. Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion: draft resolution (A/51/L.23) [159].

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 3

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	38th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	54th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	55th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, 29 November 1996, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to commemorate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977. All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend.

Screening of films

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films from Friday, 29 November to Thursday, 5 December 1996, in the Dag-Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m.

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "Preserving the Legacy, A New Dawn of Hope" on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Friday, 29 November, to Thursday, 5 December 1996.

The formal opening of the exhibition is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, 29 November 1996, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Wednesday, 27 November 1996, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 27 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council, to hear briefings by: (a) the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development on the Special session of the General Assembly on Agenda 21; (b) the President of the General Assembly; and (c) the Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 22 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 19th meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [84]

The Chairman drew attention to the list of documents relating to the item contained in aide-mémoire 2/Add.1.

The Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) introduced his report (A/51/13).

The representative of Norway, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Financing of UNRWA, introduced the report of the Working Group (A/51/509).

The general debate began with statements by the observer of Palestine and by the representatives of Canada, Jordan, Turkey, Japan, China, Egypt, Ghana, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Yemen, the Syrian Arab Republic, Viet Nam, Israel, Norway, Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates, the United States, Ireland (also on behalf of the European Union and the following associated countries: Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) as well as by the observers of Switzerland and the Holy See.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement on a point of order.

The Secretary of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee made a statement in reply to the procedural remark made by the representative of Ireland.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. the same day.

20th meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [84]

The general debate continued with statements by the representatives of Kuwait, Malaysia and Thailand.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [90]

The Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/51/23 (Part IV), chapter VII, paragraph 16, by a recorded vote of 62 to 2, with 39 abstentions.

The representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in explanation of vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of Papua New Guinea, the Russian Federation, Belgium, Saint Lucia, Peru, Kazakstan, Slovakia, Colombia, the United Arab Emirates, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Eritrea, Algeria, New Zealand, Azerbaijan and Norway.

The Chairman replied to a question posed to him by the representative of Italy.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 90.

Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, Tokelau, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of the United Kingdom proposed to defer consideration of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, with the exception of Tokelau, until March 1997.

Statements were made by Sierra Leone, the United States, Papua New Guinea (in his capacity as Acting Chairman of the Special Committee of 24), Chile, the Russian Federation, Colombia, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Venezuela, Romania (also on behalf of Moldova), the Syrian Arab Republic, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), China, Indonesia, India, Norway and Pakistan.

The representative of the United Kingdom proposed for a procedural motion, under rule 116, to defer consideration of the Non-Self-Governing Territories until March 1997. The representatives of Sierra Leone and the United States spoke in favour of the motion and the representatives of Cuba and China spoke against the motion, thereby after which the motion was put to the vote.

By a recorded vote of 52 to 46, with 22 abstentions, the Committee decided to defer the consideration of the question of the Non-Self-Governing Territories with the exception of Tokelau until March 1997.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, Fiji, Uruguay, Argentina and Cuba.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 48th meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Marshall Islands and New Zealand.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

49th meeting

Note: The summary of the 49th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/231).

Monday, 25 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

64th plenary meeting

Floods in Honduras

The President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the Assembly, extended his deepest symphathy to the Government and people of Honduras for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage which had resulted from the recent floods.

The representative of Honduras made a statement.

Strengthening of the United Nations system [48]

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, New Zealand, Malta, Colombia, Cuba, South Africa, the Philippines, the United States, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), by Mr. C. Narayana Swamy, member of the Parliament of India, and by the representatives of Tunisia, Japan, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Brunei Darussalam, the Republic of Korea, Zimbabwe, Nigeria and Malaysia.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 26th meeting

General debate, consideration of and action on draft resolution on agenda item 62 entitled "The question of Antarctica" (A/51/390)

The Committee began the fifth phase of its work, namely, general debate, consideration of and action on draft resolution under the agenda item 62, and heard statements by the representatives of Malaysia, the Netherlands (who spoke on behalf of the States Parties to the Antarctica Treaty), Indonesia, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

The Committee adopted draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/51/L.55 without a vote.

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Colombia, Benin, Austria and Malaysia.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 21st meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [84]

The Committee decided, without objection, to include the delegation of Papua New Guinea in the list of speakers under agenda item 84.

The general debate concluded with statements by the representatives of Qatar, Lebanon, Indonesia, Australia, Bahrain, Malta and Papua New Guinea.

The Commissioner-General for UNRWA made a concluding statement.

The Chairman drew members' attention to draft resolutions A/C.4/51/L.12 to L.18 relating to the item.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [85]

The Chairman drew attention to the basic documentation relating to the item (A/51/99 and Add. 1 and 2, A/51/514, A/51/516 to A/51/518) as well as to a number of communications relating to the item.

The representative of Sri Lanka, in his capacity as Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, introduced the report of the Committee (A/51/99).

Statements in the general debate were made by the observer for Palestine and the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Japan, Israel, Bangladesh, the Sudan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Brunei Darussalam and Tunisia.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

The Chairman drew members' attention to draft resolutions A/C.4/51/L.12 to 18 relating to the item.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew Committee members' attention to a communication addressed to him by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee regarding budgetary and administrative matters. [The communication refers to General Assembly resolution 45/248 (Part VI) which confirms the Fifth Committee's responsibility on the matters.] The Chairman replied to a question posed to him by the representative of Algeria.

He also informed the Committee that the programme budget implications on draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.9, under agenda item 86 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) would be available the following day, 26 November, in document A/C.4/51/L.24.

The Chairman informed the members of the Committee that the Committee would conclude its work, as scheduled, on Wednesday, 27 November, thereby taking action on all the draft proposals relating, respectively to agenda items 84 and 85, as well as on draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.9, under agenda item 86.

SECOND COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Sectoral policy questions [95]

(b) Food and sustainable agricultural development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.38

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item.

The representative of Costa Rica introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and Colombia on behalf of the members of the Movement of Non-aligned Countries.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.2

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), informed the Council of the results of the informal consultations held on the text.

A statement was made by the representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as contained in document A/C.2/51/L.2.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement.

Macroeconomic policy questions [94]

(c) Trade and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.25

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held and orally amended the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as contained in document A/C.2/51/L.25.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [96]

(a) Implementation and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.13 and L.32

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Reza Hadji Karim Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.32 submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.13.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as contained in document A/C.2/51/L.32.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.13 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda sub-item 96 (a).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 50th meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.39

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the European Union as well as the co-sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Cyprus, Liechtenstein, Malta, New Zealand, Nicaragua and the Philippines had joined in co-sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.45

The representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Australia, Norway, Cape Verde, Croatia, Greece, Solomon Islands, El Salvador, Latvia, Malta, Costa Rica and Georgia had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.46

The representative of Finland, on behalf of the Nordic countries, as well as the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.47

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Romania, Albania, Andorra, Croatia, Poland, Argentina, the Marshall Islands and Georgia had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.48

The representative of France on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that San Marino, Malta, Latvia, Cuba, Haiti and Togo had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.50

The representative of Turkey, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Pakistan, the Philippines, Malaysia, Mauritius, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica and Rwanda had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.52

The representative of Brazil, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Ukraine, Kenya, Lesotho, Belgium, Poland, Madagascar, Burundi, Haiti, Samoa and Mongolia had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

(c) Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.40

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the European Union, as well as the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Kyrgyzstan was not a co-sponsor of theraft resolution.

It was also announced that Andorra, the Czech Republic, Argentina and Japan had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.41

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the European Union, as well as the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Kyrgyzstan was not a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

It was also announced that Australia, Andorra and Liechtenstein had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.53

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the European Union, as well as the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Andorra and Romania had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.55

The representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Chad was not a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

It was also announced that Mexico was an original co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

It was further announced that Belgium had joined as a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.61

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Monaco, Romania and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.64

The representative of the Canada, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Chile, Poland and Romania had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The representative of Ecuador, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Belgium and South Africa had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

51st meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee resumed its consideration of sub-items 110 (b) and (c).

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.54

The representative of Peru, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Belgium and Mongolia had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.57

The representative of Colombia, on behalf of the Movement of Non-aligned Countries, as well as the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

It was announced that Croatia had joined as co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.58

The representative of Colombia, on behalf of the Movement of Non-aligned Countries as well as China, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.59

The representative of Albania, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution. It was announced Costa Rica and Djibouti had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

United Nations common system [121]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission presented the report of that Commission.

The Special Advisor to the Secretary-General made a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

The representative of Canada made a statement

United Nations pension system [122]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard introductory statements by the Chairman of the Joint Staff Pension Board and the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee presented the related report of that Committee.

The representative of Ukraine made a statement.

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

(a) Revised estimates resulting from the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee orally presented the report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Ireland (on behalf of the European union), the United States, Japan and Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee and the Controller made statements and responded to questions posed.

Organization of work

The representative of Mexico as well as the Chairman made statements.

The Secretary of the Committee also made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Fifteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 1996

37th and 38th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 16 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of Finland (E/1994/104/Add.7). In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 8 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 1966, adopted at the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties on 15 January 1992

Acceptance: Cuba (21 November 1996)*

Agreement Establishing the Common Fund for Commodities, concluded at Geneva on 27 June 1980

Accession: Myanmar (21 November 1996)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 September 1996

Signature: Myanmar (25 November 1996)

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 27 November 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Liberia (S/1996/962)***

Western Sahara (S/1996/913)

Haiti (S/1996/813 and Add.1)

Other matters

Morning*	3715th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/1996/959 and Corr.1)

Morning**	3716th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Prevention Deployment Force pursuant to Security Council resolution 1058 (1996) (S/1996/961)

Morning***	3717th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Liberia

   Twentieth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (S/1996/962)

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* Following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole
** Following the adjournment of the 3715th meeting.
*** Formal meeting possible following the adjournment of the 3716th meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.15 a.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/232);

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/233).

10 a.m. 67th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [42]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/386);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.19).

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [26]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/265 and Add.1);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.7/Rev.1).

3. Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion: draft resolution (A/51/L.23) [159].

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 22nd meeting Conference Room 3

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 3

1. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [84] (A/C.4/51/L.12 to L.16, L.17* and L.18)

2. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [85] (A/C.4/51/L.19, L.20, L.21/Rev.1, L.22, L.23/Rev.1)

3. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [86] (A/C.4/51/L.9, A/C.4/51/L.24)

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on all outstanding draft proposals*: A/C.2/51/L.12 (item 95 (a)), A/C.2/51/L.14 (item 94 (d)), A/C.2/51/L16 (item 94 (c)), A/C.2/51/L.18 (item 96 (f)), A/C.2/51/L.21 (item 96 (b (ii)), A/C.2/51/L.24 (item 94 (a)), A/C.2/51/L26 (item 94 (b)), A/C.2/51/L.27 (item 99 (a)), A/C.2/51/L28 (item 94 (b)), A/C.2/51/L.30/Rev.1 (item 12) and A/C.2/51/L.38 (item 95 (b))

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* Draft proposals will be taken as they are ready.

3 p.m.-
3.30 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/1/L.23 (item 96) and A/C.2/51/L.15 (item 96 (e))

3.30 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on all outstanding draft proposals*: /C.2/51/L.12 (item 95 (a)), A/C.2/51/L.14 (item 94 (d)), /C.2/51/L16 (item 94 (c)), A/C.2/51/L.18 (item 96 (f)), A/C.2/1/L.21 (item 96 (b (ii)), A/C.2/51/L.24 (item 94 (a)), /C.2/51/L26 (item 94 (b)), A/C.2/51/L.27 (item 99 (a)), /C.2/51/L28 (item 94 (b)), A/C.2/51/L.30/Rev.1 (item 12) and /C.2/51/L.38 (item 95 (b))

* Draft proposals will be taken as they are ready.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 54th meeting Conference Room 1

. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.56, L.60, L.62, L.65 and L.71/Rev.1

. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.40, L.59, L.61, L.63, L.66 and L.69

. Comprehensive implementation and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.67

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 55th meeting Conference Room 1

. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.39 (programme budget implications in A/C.3/51/L.51) and L.70/Rev.1

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.41, L.53, L.64 and L.68

Introduction of, and action, on draft decision A/C.3/51/L.43 and draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.44

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 33rd meeting Conference Room 2

1. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations [140] (A/48/622, A/48/912, A/49/654, A/49/906 and Corr.1, A/49/936, A/50/684, A/50/797, A/50/907, A/50/965, A/50/976, A/50/983, A/50/985, A/50/995, A/50/1009, A/50/1012, A/51/389, A/51/646, A/C.5/50/51 and A/C.5/51/8)

Continuation of general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

(a) Revised estimates resulting from the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council (A/C.5/51/20)

Continuation of general discussion

(b) Budget for the International Seabed Authority (A/C.5/51/21 and A/51/7/Add.2)

Introduction

3. United Nations common system [121] (E/1993/119 and Add.1, A/50/30 and Add.1, A/C.5/50/23, A/51/30, A/C.5/51/24 and A/C.5/51/25 and Corr.1)

General discussion

4. United Nations pension system [122] (A/51/9 and Corr.1, A/51/644 and A/C.5/51/4)

General discussion

5. Human resources management [120] (A/51/656)

Introduction

Informal consultations

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Pattern of conferences (A/51/32, A/51/125, A/51/253, A/51/268 and Corr.1, A/51/337 and A/C.5/51/22))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [149] (A/C.6/51/L.14)

2. United Nations Decade of International Law [145] (A/C.6/51/L.6/Rev.1; L.11 and L.13)

3. Convention of the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses [144] (A/C.6/51/L.3,L.4, L.5, L.16)

4. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [150] (A/C.6/51/L.18 and L.20)

5. Establishment of an International Criminal Court [147] (A/C.6/51/L.10)

6. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-eighth session [146] (A/C.6/51/L.17)

7. Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new internatinal economic order [152] (A/C.6/51/L.19)

8. Measures to eliminate international terrorism [151] (A/C.6/51/L.15/Rev.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Environment Programme

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 27 November 1996

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: global financial integration)

9.30 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ASIAN GROUP: WORKING GROUP ON CANDIDATURES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: food and agricultural development, external debt, commodities and other outstanding resolutions)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)
(briefings by: a) the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development on the Special session of the General Assembly on agenda 21; b) the President of the General Assembly, and c) the Chairman of the Fifth Committee)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(on General Assembly plenary agenda items)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 29 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

3 p.m.	68th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [35]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/51/35);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/678-S/1996/953).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 3

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	56th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	57th meeting	Conference Room 1

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3 (Part II), Chapter V, Section F) (item 12)

Informal soundings on the question of the participation of non-governmental organizations in all areas of the work of the United Nations will be undertaken by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Monday, 2 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, 29 November 1996, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to commemorate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977. All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and ob-servers are invited to attend.

Screening of films

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films from Friday, 29 November to Thursday, 5 December 1996, in the Dag-Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m.

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "Preserving the Legacy, A New Dawn of Hope" on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Friday, 29 November, to Thursday, 5 December 1996.

The formal opening of the exhibition is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, 29 November 1996, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Fourth Committee matters: questions relating to information)* on Monday, 2 December 1996, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Briefing

There will be a special briefing for interested members of the Fifth Committee on post adjustment issues for the professional and higher categories of staff in the common system by the Secretariat of the International Civil Service Commission on Friday, 29 November 1996, following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Fifth Committee in Conference Room 5.

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Round table

The International Peace Academy (IPA) and the Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations will hold a round table with Mwallmu Julius Nyerere, former President of the United Republic of Tanzania and currently Facilitator of the Burundi Peace Talks, on Tuesday, 3 December 1996, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Seminar

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations will hold an Open-ended Seminar on Promotion of South-South Cooperation, chaired by H.E. Mr. Owada, Permanent Representative of Japan, on 6 and 7 December 1996. The Seminar will be held on Friday, 6 December, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Rooms A and B, and on Saturday, 7 December, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trygve Lie Rooms A and B, at the U.N. Plaza Hotel. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at *3 p.m.* on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of November, except on those days when no consultations of the whole of the Council are scheduled.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 22 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 49th meeting

Human rights questions: [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Rwanda, Singapore, Yemen, Ukraine, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Greece.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the sub-items.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft proposals A/C.3/51/L.37 and L.38

The representative of Uruguay orally revised draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.37.

The representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) then withdrew its amendment to draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.37 contained in A/C.3/51/L.38.

The Chairperson announced that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Azerbaijan should have been listed as an original sponsor to A/C.3/51/L.37 and that, as Jamaica was sponsoring the draft resolution on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group of States, Nicaragua, Uruguay and Venezuela should be deleted from the list of sponsors.

It was also announced that Albania, Andorra, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Estonia, the Guinea Bissau, Iceland, Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Senegal, Sri Lanka and the United Republic of Tanzania had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Afghanistan, Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Congo, Hungary, India, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lesotho, Nepal, the Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Sierra Leone, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Togo joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, Burkina Faso, Uruguay and Mozambique.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by acclamation.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Malta, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) and Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of document A/51/424).

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.23/Rev.1

The Chairperson announced that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.27/Rev.1

The Chairperson announced that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary made a statement correcting the list of sponsors of the revised draft resolution. Costa Rica should be followed by an asterisk indicating its sponsorship on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; the asterisk after Mexico should be deleted.

Turkey and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined as co-sponsors of the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of document A/51/427).

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.33

It was announced that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

The representative of Denmark further orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that South Africa, Poland, San Marino, Argentina, Costa Rica, the Côte d'Ivoire and the Republic of Moldova had joined as co-sponsors.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution as further orally revised without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.34/Rev.1

It was announced that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

It was announced that South Africa, Malta, Costa Rica, the Russian Federation, United States, Guatemala, San Marino, El Salvador, Spain, Ukraine, New Zealand and Ireland had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The representative of Canada introduced oral revisions to the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally revised without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Japan made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 110(a).

Organization of work

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the European Union, made a statement.

The Secretary made a statement.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Turkey, Greece and Cyprus.

Tuesday, 26 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

65th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the United Nations system [48]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Argentina, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt and Pakistan.

The General Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 48.

Report of the Security Council (A/51/2 and Corr.1) [11]

The representative of Indonesia, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, made a statement in the course of which he introduced the report of the Security Council (A/51/2).

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Argentina, China, the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, Colombia, Austria, Italy, Malaysia, Poland, Germany and Cuba.

Announcement

The President recalled that, at its 3rd plenary meeting on 20 September, the General Assembly had decided that it would consider directly in plenary meeting Chapter V, Section F of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3).

He further recalled that Section F contained the text of Economic and Social Council decision 1996/297 entitled "Non-governmental organizations", by which the Economic and Social Council "decided to recommend that the General Assembly examine, at its fifty-first session, the question of the participation

of non-governmental organizations in all areas of the work of the United Nations, in the light of the experience gained through the arrangements for consultation between non-governmental organizations and the Economic and Social Council".

The President announced that His Excellency Mr. Ahmad Kamal, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations, would undertake informal soundings early on this issue both with Member States and non-governmental organizations in order to make a proper determination on the methodology as well as on the substantive issue of facilitating the participation of non-governmental organizations in all areas of the work of the United Nations.

66th plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/51/2) [11]

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Singapore, Botswana, the United Kingdom, Brazil, Zimbabwe, Tunisia, Canada, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Slovenia.

The General Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 11.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 52nd and 53rd meetings

Note: The summary of the 52nd and 53rd meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/232).

SIXTH COMMITTEE 47th meeting

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [149]

The Chairman of the Committee, Ambassador Nicos Agathocleous (Cyprus), introduced the report of the Committee (A/51/26).

The representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and Associated States), the Russian Federation, Cuba, the Sudan, the United States and Israel made statements.

The representative of Cyprus introduced draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.14.

It was announced that Bulgaria had joined the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.14.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-ninth session [148]

The representative of Austria introduced draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.7 and orally amended it. The same representative also introduced draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.8.

It was announced that Malaysia, Nepal and Bolivia had joined the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.7.

The representatives of the United States, Viet Nam, Cuba, the United Kingdom, Cameroon, Romania, India, Slovakia and Guatemala spoke.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.7, as orally amended, without a vote.

It was announced that Japan had joined the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.8.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.8 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded the consideration of item 148.

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [143]

The representative of Finland introduced the draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.12.

It was announced that Spain and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.12.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.12 without a vote.

The representative of Mexico made a statement in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded the consideration of item 143.

Status of the Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [142]

The representative of Sweden introduced the draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.9/Rev.1

It was announced that Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine had joined the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.9/Rev.1.

The representative of Viet Nam made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.9/Rev.1 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded the consideration of item 142.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE
OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 225th meeting

Consideration of draft resolutions on the question of Palestine

The Chairman made a statement. A statement was also made by the representative of Malta. The Committee adopted four draft resolutions for submission to the General Assembly.

Other matters

The Permanent Observer of Palestine and the Chairman made statements.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Fifteenth session
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TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 1996

39th and 40th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 16 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in respect to Hong Kong (E/1994/104/Add.10). In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Finland (E/1994/104/Add.7). In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement on the Establishment of the International Vaccine Institute, opened for signature at New York on 28 October 1996

Signature: Papua New Guinea (26 November 1996)

Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, adopted on 4 August 1995 by the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Signature: Republic of Korea (26 November 1996)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Aids Day

An observance of the World AIDS Day will be held on Monday, 2 December 1996, at 3 p.m., in the General Assembly Hall, under the auspices of the President of the General Assembly and co-sponsored by the Department of Public Information, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the American Foundation for AIDS Research. Statements will be made by the President of the General , the United Nations Secretary General, actress Elizabeth Taylor, TV talks show host Cristina Saralegui, Malaysian Aids Council Chairman Marina Mahathir, and Noerine Kaleaba and Martina Clark of UNAIDS. Members of delegations, non-governmental organizations, the media and staff are invited.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 28 November 1996

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters *today*, 28 November 1996, *Thanksgiving Day*.]

Friday, 29 November 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

12 noon	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Haiti (S/1996/813 and Add.1)*

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

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* Possibly followed by a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

3 p.m.	68th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: third report of the General Committee (A/51/250/Add.2) [8].

2. Question of Palestine [35]:

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/51/35);

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/678-S/1996/953);

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.33, L.34, L.35, L.36).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on all outstanding draft proposals: A/C.2/51/L.16 (item 94 (c)), A/C.2/51/L.21 (item 96 (b, ii)), A/C.2/51/L.24 (item 94 (a)), A/C.2/51/L.26 (item 96 (b)) and A/C.2/51/L.30/Rev.1 (item 12)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	56th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.39/Rev.1

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.41/Rev.1, L.53/Rev.1 and L.68

3. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] A/C.3/51/L.72

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Human Resources Management [120] (A/51/656)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. United Nations Common System [121 (E/1993/119 and Add.1, A/50/30 and Add.1, A/C.5/50/23, A/51/30, A/C.5/51/24 and A/C.5/51/25 and Corr.1)

   Continuation of general discussion

3. United Nations Pension System [122] (A/51/9 and Corr.1, A/51/644 and A/C.5/51/4)

   Continuation of general discussion

4. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [141] (A/50/945, A/50/1004, A/50/1005, A/51/302, A/51/305, A/51/432, A/51/467, A/51/486, A/51/530 and Corr.1)

   Conclusion of general discussion

5. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [153] (A/51/519 and Corr.1 and A/51/681)

   Introduction and general discussion

6. Financing of the United Nations Transition Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium [154] (A/51/520 and A/51/681)

   Introduction and general discussion

7. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [155] (A/51/508 and Corr.1 and A/51/681)

   Introduction and general discussion

8. Financing of the Activities Arising from Security Council Resolution 687 (1991)

   (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

   (A/51/658 and A/51/683)

   Introduction and general discussion

Informal consultations

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/C.5/50/57 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.16, A/51/7/Add.1, A/C.5/51/21 and A/51/7/Add.2)

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [150] (A/C.6/51/L.20 and A/C.6/51/L.21)

2. Establishment of an International Criminal Court [147] (A/C.6/51/L.10 and A/C.6/51/L.22)

3. Measures to eliminate international terrorism [151] (A/C.6/51/L.15/Rev.1 et A/C.6/51/L.23)

. Convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses [144] (A/C.6/51/L.24)

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	226th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Environment Programme
2. Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities
3. Draft reports
4. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination with the Agencies and the IAEA

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 29 November 1996

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: implementation of the outcome of the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II))

9.30 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: net flows and transfer of resources between developing and developed countries)

10 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: trade and development)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

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Briefing

There will be a special briefing for interested members of the Fifth Committee on post adjustment issues for the professional and higher categories of staff in the common system by the Secretariat of the International Civil Service Commission on Friday, 29 November 1996, following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Fifth Committee in Conference Room 5.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 2 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 3

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3 (Part II), Chapter V, Section F) (item 12)

Informal soundings on the question of the participation of non-governmental organizations in all areas of the work of the United Nations will be undertaken by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Monday, 2 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films from Friday, 29 November to Thursday, 5 December 1996, in the Dag-Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m.

Friday, 29 November 1996, the following will be screened:

"By God's Will: Voices from Gaza"

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "Preserving the Legacy, A New Dawn of Hope" on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Friday, 29 November, to Thursday, 5 December 1996.

The formal opening of the exhibition is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, 29 November 1996, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Thursday, 5 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Fourth Committee matters: questions relating to information)* on Monday, 2 December 1996, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(plenary matters: item 21 (a) (Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations)* on Tuesday, 3 December 1996 , at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Round table

The International Peace Academy (IPA) and the Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations will hold a round table with Mwallmu Julius Nyerere, former President of the United Republic of Tanzania and currently Facilitator of the Burundi Peace Talks, on Tuesday, 3 December 1996, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Seminar

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations will hold an Open-ended Seminar on Promotion of South-South Cooperation, chaired by H.E. Mr. Owada, Permanent Representative of Japan, on 6 and 7 December 1996. The Seminar will be held on Friday, 6 December, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Rooms A and B, and on Saturday, 7 December, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trygve Lie Rooms A and B, at the U.N. Plaza Hotel. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 26 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 52nd meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.56

The representative of Australia introduced the draft resolution on behalf of her delegation and the sponsors listed as well as Finland, Honduras, Monaco and the United States.

The Netherlands joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.60

The representative of El Salvador introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Mauritania, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation.

Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, the Marshall Islands, Mauritius, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.62

The representative of Belgium introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Australia, Japan, Portugal and Ukraine.

The Czech Republic, Lithuania and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.65

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed.

China, the Sudan and Iraq joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.71

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as the Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ghana, Lesotho and the Sudan.

Burundi, Togo and Rwanda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.63

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Bulgaria and the Republic of Moldova.

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.66

The representative of Pakistan introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Costa Rica, Djibouti, Nepal, New Zealand, Singapore, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the United States.

Afghanistan, Andorra, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Liechtenstein, Mauritania, Panama, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, the Solomon Islands and Yemen joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.68

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Chile, Kuwait, Malaysia, Monaco, New Zealand and Senegal.

Australia, Canada, Costa Rica and San Marino joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.69

The Secretary of the Committee read out corrections to the draft resolution.

The representative of Sweden introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Monaco.

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.67

The Secretary of the Committee read out a correction to the draft resolution.

The representative of Austria introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Albania, Belarus, Chile, Costa Rica, Luxembourg and Panama.

The Czech Republic, Croatia, the Dominican Republic, France, Kenya, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, San Marino, the Solomon Islands and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

53rd meeting

Note: The summary of the 53rd meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/233).

Wednesday, 27 November 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

3715th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/1996/959 and Corr.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1996/975) which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1996/975).

Decision: The draft resolution S/1996/975)received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1081 (1996).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1996/45).

3716th meeting

The situation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Preventive deployment Force pursuant to Security Council resolution 1058 (1996)(S/1996/961)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1996/979)which had been submitted by France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1996/979).

Before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

Decision: The draft resolution S/1996/979)received 14 votes in favour, none against and one abstention (Russian Federation), and was adopted as resolution 1082 (1996).

3717th meeting

The situation in Liberia

Twentieth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (S/1996/962)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Liberia, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1996/984, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1996/984) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1996/984) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1083 (1996).

3718th meeting

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/1996/913)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1996/985) which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1996/985).

Decision: The draft resolution S/1996/985)received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1084 (1996).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

67th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [42]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/386)

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.19)

The representative of Cameroon made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.19.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia), Benin, Tunisia, Saint Lucia (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and by The Honourable Paul Mmolotsi Rantao, member of the Parliament of Botswana.

The President informed the General Assembly that action on draft resoluuion A/51/L.19 was postponed to a later date to be announced.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Co-operation Organization [26]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/265 and Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.7/Rev.1)

The representative of Turkmenistan made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/51/L.7/Rev.1.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.7/ Rev.1 (resolution 51/21).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 26.

Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion: draft resolution (A/51/L.23) [159]

The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.23.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq and Cuba.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Turkey and the United States.

By 56 votes to 4, with 76 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.23 (resolution 51/22).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Swaziland, Venezuela and Burundi.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 159.

Programme of work

The President reminded Members that the deadline for the submission of draft resolutions under agenda item 21 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) would be Tuesday, 3 December 1996.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

3rd meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/232)

The representative of Pakistan made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration" (A/51/232).

The General Committee decided to recommend that the additional item should be included in the agenda of the current session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/233)

The representative of Canada, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Proclamation of 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day" (A/51/233).

The General Committee decided to recommend that the additional item should be included in the agenda of the current session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 22nd meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [85]

The Committee decided, without objection, to include the delegation of Senegal in the list of speakers under agenda item 85.

The general debate concluded with statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and the following associated countries: the Czech Republic, Iceland, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia), Burundi and Senegal.

A/C.4/51/L.19 to A/C.4/51/L.23/Rev.1

The representative of Cuba introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/51/L.19, L.20, L.21/Rev.1, L.22 and L.23/Rev.1.

The Secretary of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee announced that the draft resolutions contained no programme budget implications.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Israel and the United States.

The representative of Mexico made an editorial comment on the Spanish text of document A/C.4/51/L.21/Rev.1

A/C.4/51/L.19

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.19 by a recorded vote of 69 to 2, with 59 abstentions.

A/C.4/51/L.20

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.20, by a recorded vote of 129 to 2 with 4 abstentions.

A/C.4/51/L.21/Rev.1

Following an amendment introduced by the representative of Norway on A/C.4/51/L.21/Rev.1, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.21/Rev.1, as orally amended, by a recorded vote of 126 to 3, with 6 abstentions.

A/C.4/51/L.22

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.22, by a recorded vote of 125 to 2, with 7 abstentions.

A/C.4/51/L.23/Rev.1

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.23 by a recorded vote of 127 to 1, with 6 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Australia,Canada, Argentina, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Ecuador and Japan.

The representative of Venezuela made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 85.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [84]

A/C.4/51/L.12 to A/C.4/51/L.18

The representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.12.

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.13.

The representative of Indonesia introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/51/L.14 to L.18.

The Secretary of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee announced that the draft resolutions contained no programme budget implications.

A/C.4/51/L.12

Morocco became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.12 by a recorded vote of 139 to 1, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/51/L.13

Turkey became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.13 without a vote.

A/C.4/51/L.14

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.14 by a recorded vote of 137 to 2, with 2 abstentions.

A/C.4/51/L.15

Morocco and Senegal became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.15 by a recorded vote of 142 to none, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/51/L.16

Morocco and Senegal became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.16 by a recorded vote of 137 to 2, with 3 abstentions.

*A/C.4/51/L.17**

Senegal became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.17 by a recorded vote of 128 to 2, with 8 abstentions.

A/C.4/51/L.18

Morocco and Senegal became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.18 by a recorded vote of 137 to 2, with 2 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan and Canada.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 84.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects [86]

The Chairman drew attention to the programme budget implications on the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/51/L.24.

The representative of China proposed for the deletion of operative paragaph 4 in draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.9.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Ireland, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Colombia and Egypt.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand) and Argentina.

A/C.4/51/L.9, operative paragraph 4

The Committee adopted for the deletion of operative paragraph 4, in document A/C.4/51/L.9, by a recorded vote of 125 to 3 with no abstention.

A/C.4/51/L.9, as amended

The representative of Cuba proposed for the adoption of A/C.4/51/L.9 without a vote.

Following a request for a recorded vote by the representative of the United States, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.9, as amended, by a recorded vote of 135 to 2 with no abstention.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Ireland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 86.

Closure of the session

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 54th and 55th meetings

Note: The summary of the 54th and 55th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/233).

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 33rd meeting

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations [140]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Singapore, Pakistan, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), China, Nigeria, Uganda, Egypt, Zambia, Saudi Arabia and Canada.

The Controller responded to questions previously posed.

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

(a) Revised estimates resulting from the resolutions and decisions of ECOSOC

The Chairman made a statement and proposed an oral decision.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Uganda, Cuba, Mexico, Egypt, Canada, China, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Germany, Sierra Leone, Japan, the Marshall Islands, Colombia, Canada and Brazil.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to a question posed.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the oral decision as proposed by the Chairman.

(b) Budget for the International Seabed Authority

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Jamaica, the Marshall Islands (on behalf of Samoa and the Marshall Islands), Indonesia, Japan, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Cuba, Tunisia, Germany, Kenya, Ghana, China, Colombia, Egypt, Mexico, Australia, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Haiti, South Africa, Cyprus, Senegal and Algeria.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

United Nations Common System [121]

United Nations Pension System [122]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

A statement was made by the representative of Bolivia (on behalf of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica (representing Central America), Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela and Bolivia).

The President of the Coordination Committee for Independant Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System and the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Association made statements.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Fifteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 1996

41st and 42nd meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 16 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in respect to Hong Kong (E/1994/104/Add.10). In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995, concluded at Geneva on 17 February 1995

Provisional application: Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg (26 November 1996)*

Convention on Biological Diversity, opened for signature at Rio de Janeiro on 5 June 1992

Ratification: Dominican Republic (25 November 1996)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Aids Day

An observance of the World AIDS Day will be held on Monday, 2 December 1996, at 3 p.m., in the General Assembly Hall, under the auspices of the President of the General Assembly and co-sponsored by the Department of Public Information, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the American Foundation for AIDS Research. Statements will be made by the President of the General , the United Nations Secretary General, actress Elizabeth Taylor, TV talks show host Cristina Saralegui, Malaysian Aids Council Chairman Marina Mahathir, and Noerine Kaleaba and Martina Clark of UNAIDS. Members of delegations, non-governmental organizations, the media and staff are invited.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 2 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 69th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [35]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/51/35);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/678-S/1996/953);

(c) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.33, L.34, L.35, L.36).

10 a.m. informal soundings (closed) Conference Room 6

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3 (Part II), Chapter V, Section F) (item 12)

Informal soundings on the question of the participation of non-governmental organizations in all areas of the work of the United Nations will be undertaken by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan)

3 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 8

Informal consultations conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on draft proposals submitted under item 21:

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

(A/51/L.24, L.26, L.27, L.30, L.32 and L.37)

3 p.m.	informal consultations closed meeting	Conference Room C

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (item 45)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 45 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.30/Rev.2 and L.29

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.37

2. Macroeconomic policy questions [94]

   (a) External debt crisis and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.24/Rev.1

   (b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.26 and L.53

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.28 and L.50

   (c) Trade and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.16/Rev.1

   (d) Commodities

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.14 and L.49

3. Sectoral policy questions [95]

   (a) Industrial development cooperation

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.12 and L.46

   (b) Food and sustainable agricultural development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.38 and L.47

4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [96]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.23 and L.45

   (b) Agenda for development

   (ii) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.21 and L.52

   (c) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.17

   (d) Population and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.19 and L.43

   (e) Human settlements

   *Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.15/Rev.1**

   (f) Eradication of poverty

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.18 and L.51

   (g) Cultural development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.22 and L.34

5. Environment and sustainable development [97]

   (a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/L.10 and L.39
   (Programme-Budget Implications in document A/C.2/ 51/ L.48)

   (b) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.9 and L.41, and L.11

   (c) Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.5 and L.31

(d) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.7 and L.35

(e) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/L.6 and L.33

(f) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.4 and L.41 (Programme-Budget Implications in document A/C.2/51/L.36)

6. Operational activities for development [98]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.8 and L.44

7. Training and research [99]

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.27/Rev.1

(b) United Nations University

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.3 and L.20

8. Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1997-98 (A/C.2/51/L.40)

9. Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [141] (A/50/945, A/50/1004, A/50/1005, A/51/302, A/51/305, A/51/432, A/51/467, A/51/486, A/51/530 and Corr.1)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [153] (A/51/519 and Corr.1 and A/51/681)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations Transition Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium [154] (A/51/520 and A/51/681)

Introduction and general discussion

4. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [155] (A/51/508 and Corr.1 and A/51/681)

Introduction and general discussion

5. Financing of the Activities Arising from Security Council Resolution 687 (1991)

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

(A/51/658 and A/51/683)

Introduction and general discussion

6. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East [123]

(a) United Nations Disengagement Force

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

(A/51/405, A/51/535 and A/51/684)

Introduction and general discussion

Informal consultations

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 111 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/49/368, A/49/943, A/50/985, A/C.5/50/51, A/51/5 Vols.I-IV, A/51/5/Add.1-10, A/51/283, A/51/488 and Add.1-2, A/51/523 and A/51/533)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

UNICEF

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 2 December 1996

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: WORKING GROUP FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Briefings

There will be a special briefing for interested members of the Fifth Committee on post adjustment issues for the professional and higher categories of staff in the common system by the Secretariat of the International Civil Service Commission on Monday, 2 December 1996, following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Fifth Committee in Conference Room 5.

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GROUP OF 77
(Fourth Committee matters)

4 p.m.-p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

A briefing/consultations on arrangements for the observance of the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery on 6 December 1996 will be held on Monday, 2 December 1996, in Conference Room A from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 3 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 70th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [33]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/543);

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.38).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE
Informal consultations

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait wishes to inform members that the 145th meeting of the Committee will take place on Tuesday, 3 December 1996 at 3.30 p.m.* in Conference Rom 7.

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* The Chairman will give and oral briefing in the same Conference Room immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to the members, the Chairman will give a briefing to the Press in the Press Room.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films until Thursday, 5 December 1996, in the Dag-Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m. Monday, 2 December 1996, the following will be screened: "Aqabat Jaber: Peace with no return"

Exhibition

A cultural exhibition presented by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, is on display in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Thursday, 5 December 1996.

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The Under Secretary General for the Humanitarian Affairs will launch the 1997 Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeal for Afghanistan ((1 January-31 December 1997) on Tuesday, 3 December 1996 at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The Extended Bureau of the Committee of Information will hold consultations with the Department of Public Information on Tuesday, 3 December at 12 noon in Room S-1027.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Thursday, 5 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (905-5776) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(plenary matters: item 21 (a) (Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations)* on Tuesday, 3 December 1996 , at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Round table

Mwallmu Julius Nyerere, former President of the United Republic of Tanzania and currently Facilitator of the Burundi Peace Talks, will speak at The International Peace Academy Round Table, addressing the topic, "Responding to Grow-ing Crises in the Great Lakes Region", on Tuesday, 3 December 1996, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Seminar

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations will hold an Open-ended Seminar on Promotion of South-South Cooperation, chaired by H.E. Mr. Owada, Permanent Representative of Japan, on 6 and 7 December 1996. The Seminar will be held on Friday, 6 December, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Rooms A and B, and on Saturday, 7 December, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trygve Lie Rooms A and B, at the U.N. Plaza Hotel. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 26 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 53rd meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.70

The representative of Namibia introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Botswana, Chile, Ethiopia, Fiji, Italy, Nepal, Niger, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Tunisia, Suriname and Swaziland.

Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Pakistan, Peru, Samoa, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine and Venezuela joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.36

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 79 to 3, with 75 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Chile, Venezuela, Mexico, the Philippines and Cuba.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.45

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Albania, Belarus, Burundi, Fiji, Finland, the Marshall Islands, San Marino and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.46

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Finland orally revised the draft resolution.

Andorra, Benin, San Marino, Senegal, Slovakia and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.47

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Ireland orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that United States, San Marino, Republic of Moldova, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Norway, Malta, Ukraine, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Fiji, Burundi, Panama, Papua New Guinea, India and Liechtenstein had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally revised without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.48/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Albania, Pakistan, Benin, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Mauritius had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.50

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Turkey orally corrected the draft resolution.

It was announced that Kazakstan, Guinea Bissau, Papua New Guinea, Burundi, Mongolia and Niger had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally corrected without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.52

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ethiopia, Mali, the United Kingdom, Morocco, Malta, Marshall Islands, Congo, Fiji and San Marino had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

It was also announced that Burundi was not a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.54

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Italy, Madagascar, Fiji, Bhutan, Benin, Niger, Rwanda, Guinea, Burundi and Indonesia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.57

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Portugal, Marshall Islands and Fiji had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally corrected without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.58

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Colombia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) made an oral revision to the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Hungary, Russian Federation, Ukraine and Costa Rica.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally revised by a recorded vote of 94 to 39, with 15 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Netherlands and Uruguay.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.49

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Chairperson introduced an oral correction to the draft resolution.

The representative of Yemen made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.55

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Austria, Finland and Iceland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

It was also announced that Mexico was an original sponsor of the draft resolution and that Chad was not a sponsor.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Haiti made a statement.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.42

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Bahamas, Bangladesh, Latvia, Spain, United States, Italy, Malta, Austria, Belarus, Slovakia, Greece, France, and Barbados had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally corrected and revised without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 110 (e).

Wednesday, 27 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 54th meeting

Human rights questions: [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-items.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/56

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Thailand, Iceland, Denmark, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Germany and Costa Rica had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.60

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Sudan, Mali, Fiji and Guyana had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally corrected.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Senegal, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Peru, Morocco and Guatemala.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.62

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Belgium, orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that New Zealand, Poland, Benin and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally corrected and revised without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.65

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Islamic Republic of Iran orally revised the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Albania and the United States.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 54 to 44, with 49 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines and Uruguay.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.71/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that India, Gambia, Costa Rica, Yemen, Ecuador, Bolivia, Congo, Botswana and Niger had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.59

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Liechtenstein and Croatia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ghana, Greece, Russian Federation, Albania and Peru.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally revised by a recorded vote of 102 to 3, with 45 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), India, Venezuela, Brazil, China, Bulgaria, Egypt and the Philippines.

The representative of St. Lucia indicated that he had abstained, not voted against.

The representative of Djibouti indicated that he would have voted in favour had he been present.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.63

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Poland and El Salvador had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representatives of Iraq and Cuba made statements.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 59 to 26, with 71 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Egypt, Gambia, Mexico, Malta, Costa Rica and El Salvador, made statements.

The representative of El Salvador indicated that he had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution and not against.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.69

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Lithuania, Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Sweden further orally revised the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ghana, Sweden and Myanmar.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution as further orally revised without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands and Japan.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.67

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee was informed that Ghana, Cambodia, Gambia, United Kingdom, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Georgia, Peru, Paraguay, Congo, Andorra, Mongolia, Morocco, Bahamas, Ecuador and Guinea had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

55th meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives;

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.70/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Namibia orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Bangladesh, Netherlands, Canada, Colombia, Kenya, Bolivia, Burundi, Mongolia, Belarus, Guyana, Cambodia and France, joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally revised without a vote.

Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.40

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that San Marino and Israel, Poland and the United States, joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) orally revised the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resoslution statements were made by the repsentatives of Iraq, Cuba, Egypt and Ireland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 102 to 2, with 51 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Sudan and Kuwait.

The representative of Portugal stated that had he been present, he would have voted in favour.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.61

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Slovakia had joined as a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Iraq, Egypt and the United States.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 93 to 16, with 45 abstentions.

The representative of Afghanistan informed the Committee that he had voted against instead of abstention.

The representative of Togo informed the Committee that he had abstained but his vote was not reflected on the Board.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.64/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Andorra, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cambodia, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal and Slovakia joined in co-sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.66

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Egypt, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Latvia, Austria, Canada, Finland, Portugal, France, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Belgium, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Greece, Israel, Philippines, Sudan, Monaco, Denmark, Argentina, Spain, Gambia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Mozambique, Ecuador and Dominican Republic, joined in co-sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Pakistan further orally revised the draft resolution.

The representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.68

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out oral corrections to the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Bangladesh and Norway joined in co-sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Croatia, Russian Federation, Albania, Canada and the United States.

The Committee decided to postpone action on the draft resolution until Friday, 29 November.

Draft decision A/C.3/51/L.43 and draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.44

Chairperson's oral draft decision

The Chairperson introduced a oral draft decision.

The Committee adopted the oral draft decision introduced by the Chairperson.

In the light of the adoption of the Chairperson's oral draft decision, the Committee decided not to take action on draft decision A/C.3/51/L.43 and draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.44 which were before the Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 48th and 49th meetings

Note: The summary of the 48th and 49th meetings of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal (No. 1996/234)*.

Friday, 29 November 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

3719th meeting

The question concerning Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti (S/1996/813 and Add.1)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1996/990, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1996/990) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1996/990) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1085 (1996).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

68th plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: third report of the General Committee (A/51/250/Add.2) [8]

The General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, to include in the agenda of the current session an additional item (Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration) and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

The Assembly further decided, also on the recommendation of the General Committee, to include in the agenda of the current session an additional item (Proclamation of 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day) and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

Question of Palestine [35]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/51/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/678-S/1996/953)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.33, L.34, L.35, L.36)

The General Assembly heard a statement by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the Committee's report (A/51/35).

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the Head of the Observer Delegation of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, the Syrian Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, Malaysia, the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Colombia and Israel.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE — 56th meeting

Note: The summary of the 56th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/234).

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 34th meeting

Human Resources Management [120]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The representative of the Joint Inspection made a statement and introduced the report of the Unit on the inspection of the application of United Nations recruitment, placement and promotion policies.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management made a statement in connection with the report of the Joint Inspection Unit.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, KUWAIT, Algeria, New Zealand and Cuba.

The representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Romania and Norway) made a statement on the reform of the internal system of justice in the United Nations Secretariat.

United Nations Common System [121]

United Nations Pension System [122]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and Ukraine.

The representative of UNESCO made a statement.

The Executive Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board responded to questions previously posed.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [141]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bulgaria, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Liberia and Uganda.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Office of Internal Oversight Services made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman as well as the Secretary of the Committee made statements.

SIXTH COMMITTEE — 50th meeting

Note: The summary of the 50th meeting of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/234).

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE — 226th meeting

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Chairman made a statement.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President of the Security Council made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine read out a message from Mr. Yasser Arafat, President of the Palestinian Authority.

The Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories made a statement.

The representative of Colombia read a message of the Chairman of the Heads of State and Government of the Non-aligned Movement and the representative of Guinea read a message of the Chairman of the Islamic Conference.

The Under-Secretary-General of the League of Arab States read a message of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

The representative of the International Coordinating Committee for NGOs on the Question of Palestine made a statement.

Messages on the occasion were received from the Heads of State of the following countries: Cambodia, Egypt, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Senegal, Viet Nam, Qatar, Mauritania, Sri Lanka, Guyana, Cyprus, United Arab Emirates, Zimbabwe, Ukraine, Jordan, Algeria, the Russian Federation, Guinea, Yemen, Cuba, Tunisia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Namibia, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines and the Gambia.

Messages were received on the occasion from the Heads of Government of the following countries: Pakistan, Thailand, China, Malta, India, Bangladesh, Turkey and Mauritius.

Messages were received from the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the following countries: Lebanon, Oman, Syrian Arab Republic, Singapore, Republic of Korea, Brazil and Japan.

Messages were received from the Governments of Argentina, Uruguay and South Africa.

A message was also received from Papua New Guinea.

A message was received from the President of the Council of Ministers of the European Union and the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

A message was received from UNESCO.

Messages were received on the occasion from the following non-governmental organizations: Asian Committee of Solidarity with Arabs, Association Des Etudes Internationales, Association of Antifascists and Victims of Nazism in Israel, Federación de Entidades Americano-Arabes del Perú, Federación Palestina del Perú, Physicians for Human Rights, Arab Organization for Human Rights, Middle East Fellowship of Southern California, The Committee for Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue and Federación Palestina de Chile.

A statement was made by the Head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A concluding statement was made by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Fifteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 1996

43rd meeting

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee began its discussion of the item.

44th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 16 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in respect to Hong Kong (E/1994/104/Add.10). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 1996

45th and 46th meetings

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee continued its discussion of the item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Congo
H.E. Mr. Daniel Abibi

Asian States:
Mongolia
H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Zbigniew Wlosowicz

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Mexico
H.E. Mr. Manuel Tello

Western European and Other States:
Canada
H.E. Mr. Robert R. Fowler

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World Aids Day

An observance of the World AIDS Day will be held on Monday, 2 December 1996, at 3 p.m., in the General Assembly Hall, under the auspices of the President of the General Assembly and co-sponsored by the Department of Public Information, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the American Foundation for AIDS Research. Statements will be made by the President of the General , the United Nations Secretary General, actress Elizabeth Taylor, TV talks show host Cristina Saralegui, Malaysian Aids Council Chairman Marina Mahathir, and Noerine Kaleaba and Martina Clark of UNAIDS. Members of delegations, non-governmental organizations, the media and staff are invited.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Official Ceremony

The Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development will host the official ceremony of the International Day of Disabled Persons, including a message by the Secretary-General and a Proclamation by the New York City Mayor's Office on Tuesday, 3 December from 12 noon to 12.30 p.m., in the Public Lobby. United Nations delegates, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media, as well as interested staff, are invited.

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run from 3 to 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 3 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.*	145th (closed) meeting	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to members in Conference Room 7 immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to the members, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the Press Room.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m.	70th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	71st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [33]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/543, A/51/678-S/1996/953);

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.38, L.39, L.40).

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (item 45)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 45 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE
Informal consultations

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme Planning (A/51/6 (Perspective), A/51/6 (Note), A/51/6 (fascicle), A/51/6 (Prog.9)/Rev.1, A/51/6 (Prog.11)/Rev.1, A/51/16 (Parts I and II), A/C.5/51/10 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/19, A/C.5/51/26, A/C.5/51/27, A/C.5/51/31 and A/C.6/51/8 and Add.1-2)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 141 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/50/945, A/50/1004, A/50/1005, A/51/302, A/51/305, A/51/432, A/51/467, A/51/486, A/51/530 and Corr.1))

6 p.m.-9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Human Resources Management (A/C.5/49/63, A/C.5/49/64, A/C.5/50/64, A/C.5/51/1, A/C.5/51/3, A/C.5/51/6, A/C.5/51/7, A/51/304 and Corr.1, A/51/421 and Corr.1, A/C.5/49/13, A/C.5/49/60 and Add.1-2 and Add.2/Corr.1, A/C.5/50/2 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.8, A/C.6/51/7 and A/51/656))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. The Situation in Central America: Procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development
2. International action to combat drug abuse and illicit production and trafficking
3. Request for a subvention to UNIDIR resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 1997

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The Extended Bureau of the Committee of Information will hold consultations with the Department of Public Information *today*, 3 December at 12 noon in Room S-1027.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 3 December 1996

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

GROUP OF 77
(Plenary matters: item 21 (a) (Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations))

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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The Under Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs will launch the 1997 Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeal for Afghanistan ((1 January-31 December 1997) *today*, 3 December 1996 at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Round table

Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, former President of the United Republic of Tanzania and currently Facilitator of the Burundi Peace Talks, will speak at The International Peace Academy Round Table, addressing the topic, "Responding to Growing Crises in the Great Lakes Region", on *today*, 3 December 1996, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 4 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m.	72nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [35]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/51/35);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/678-S/1996/953);

(c) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.33, L.34, L.35, L.36).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 3
	Informal consultations	
Morning*	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Delegations are reminded that informal consultations will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Wednesday, 4 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films until Thursday, 5 December 1996, in the Dag-Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m. Tuesday, 3 December 1996, the following will be screened: "Voices from Gaza"

Exhibition

A cultural exhibition entitled "Preserving the Legacy, A New Dawn of Hope" is presented by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations. The exhibition is on display in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Thursday, 5 December 1996.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Thursday, 5 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5776) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Wednesday, 4 December 1996, from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*Third Committee matters: NGO participation*) on Wednesday, 4 December 1996, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Briefing

The Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development will discuss recent issues and trends in the disability field under the theme "Disability and Poverty" on Thursday, 5 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Conference Room 2. United Nations delegates, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media, as well as interested staff, are invited.

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Seminar

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations will hold an Open-ended Seminar on Promotion of South-South Cooperation, chaired by H.E. Mr. Owada, Permanent Representative of Japan, on 6 and 7 December 1996. The Seminar will be held on Friday, 6 December, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Rooms A and B, and on Saturday, 7 December, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trygve Lie Rooms A and B, at the U.N. Plaza Hotel. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from 4 December 1996, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing at 3 p.m., in the Press Briefing Room S-226, by the Presidency of the Security Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on those days when consultations of the whole are scheduled in the morning.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 27 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE 48th and 49th meetings

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [149]

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.14 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 149.

United Nations Decade of International Law [145]

The Chairman of the Working Group on the Decade orally reported on its work and introduced draft resolutions A/C.6/51/L.11, A/C.6/51/L.13 and A/C.6/51/L.6/Rev.1.

The representative of Australia made a statement in connection with draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.13.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement in connection with draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.6/Rev.1.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.11 without a vote.

The representative of Lebanon made a statement in explanation of position before the adoption of the draft resolution L.11.

The Committee also adopted draft resolutions A/C.6/51/L.13 and A/C.6/51/L.6/Rev.1, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 145.

Convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses [144]

The representative of Mexico and Coordinator of draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.16 introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that the sponsors of draft resolutions A/C.6/51/L.4 and L.5 did not press that action be taken on them.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.16 without a vote.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-eighth session [146]

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.17.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.17 without a vote.

The representative of Lebanon made a statement in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 146.

Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order [152]

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/51/L.19 without a vote.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 152.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [150]

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.6/ 51/L.18.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.18 without a vote.

Establishment of an International Criminal Court [147]

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.10.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Organization of work

The delegations of the United States, Belgium, Cuba, Lebanon, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), New Zealand, France,

China, Italy, Egypt, Mexico, Australia, Argentina, the United Republic of Tanzania, Brazil, Viet Nam, Colombia, India and Pakistan made statements.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Chairman also spoke.

Friday, 29 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE — 56th and 57th meetings

Note: The summary of the 56th and 57th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/235).

SIXTH COMMITTEE — 50th meetings

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [150]

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.20.

It was announced that Brazil, Ecuador, Finland, Kenya, New Zealand, Nigeria, the Philippines, Portugal, Tunisia and Zambia had joined the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.20.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The representative of Ukraine spoke.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.20 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 150.

Establishment of an International Criminal Court [147]

The Chairman spoke.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.10 without a vote.

The representative of China explained the position of his delegation after adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 147.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [151]

The representative of Argentina and coordinator of draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.15/Rev.1 introduced the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The representative of China made a statement.

The representative of Mexico, Cuba, Malaysia, Nigeria, Liechtenstein, Sudan, Lebanon and Iran (Islamic Republic of) explained the position of their delegations before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.15/Rev.1 without a vote.

The delegations of Norway, Sweden, New Zealand, Pakistan, Viet Nam, Costa Rica, Israel, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Syrian Arab Republic made statements in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded the consideration of item 151.

Convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses [144]

The Chairman spoke.

The delegations of New Zealand, United States and Mexico made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 144.

Closing of the session

The Chairman made a statement.

Algeria on behalf of the African States, Belgium on behalf of the Western European and other States, Peru on behalf of the Latin-American States, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on behalf of the Eastern European States and Lebanon on behalf of the Asian States made statements.

The Chairman declared the fifty-first session of the Sixth Committee closed.

Monday, 2 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

69th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [35]

(a) *Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/51/35)*

(b) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/678-S/1996/953)*

(c) *Draft resolutions (A/51/L.33, L.34, L.35, L.36)*

Statements were made by the representatives of Yemen, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia), Japan, Bahrain, Algeria, Qatar, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt and Viet Nam.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975, the observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

The representative of Israel made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the observer of Palestine made a statement in reply.

The Assembly was informed that draft resolutions A/51/L.33, L.34, L.35 and L.36 would be considered on Wednesday, 4 December, in the morning.

International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

The President recalled that 2 December was the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.

The President further recalled that the General Assembly, by its resolutions 50/167 of 22 December 1995, had decided, inter alia, to devote one meeting of the fifty-first session of the Assembly to the discussion of the problem of trafficking in human persons, especially women and children.

The President reminded members that, as previously announced, the Assembly would hold a plenary meeting on Friday, 6 December, in the morning, devoted to the discussion of this question.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 37th and 38th meetings

Note The summary of the 37th and 38th meetings of the Second Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/235).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 35th meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [141]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Office of Internal Oversight Services made a concluding statement and responded to questions and previously posed.

The representative of the Joint Inspection Unit made a statement in connection with the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Uganda.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Office of Internal Oversight Services responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [153]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

Financing of the United Nations Transition Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium [154]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [155]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

Financing of the Activities Arising from Security Council Resolution 687 (1991)

(a) *United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission*

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kuwait and the United States.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East [123]:

(a) United Nations Disengagement Force and

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the reports of the Secretary-General.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Organization of work

The representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) as well as the Chairman made statements.

The Secretary of the Committee also made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Fifteenth session
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MONDAY, 2 DECEMBER 1996

47th and 48th meetings

General discussion: "Draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [6]

The Committee continued its discussion of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, concluded at Vienna on 11 April 1980

Accession: Uzbekistan (27 November 1996)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Customs Convention on Containers, 1972, concluded at Geneva on 2 December 1972

Accession: Uzbekistan (27 November 1996)*

International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, concluded at Geneva on 21 October 1982

Accession: Uzbekistan (27 November 1996)*

Convention on Customs Treatment of Pool Containers Used in International Transport, concluded at Geneva on 21 January 1994

Accession: Uzbekistan (27 November 1996)*

Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR), concluded at Geneva on 5 July 1978

Accession: Uzbekistan (27 November 1996)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Disabled Persons

Official Ceremony

The Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development will host the official ceremony of the International Day of Disabled Persons, including a message by the Secretary-General and a Proclamation by the New York City Mayor's Office on Tuesday, 3 December from 12 noon to 12.30 p.m., in the Public Lobby. United Nations delegates, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media, as well as interested staff, are invited.

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run from 3 to 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 4 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

The situation in the Great Lakes region (S/1996/993)

Haiti (S/1996/813 and Add.1)

Sierra Leone *

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

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* To be followed by a formal meeting.

FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 4th meeting of the General Committee will take place on Friday, 6 December 1996, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider a request for the inclusion of an additional item (A/51/234 and Add.1) [8].

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 72nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine [35]:

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/51/35);

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/678-S/1996/953);

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.33, L.34, L.35, L.36).

2. The situation in the Middle East [33]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/543, A/51/678-S/1996/953);

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.38, L.39, L.40).

3 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 8

Informal consultations conducted by H. E. Dr. Ernest Sucharipa (Austria) on draft proposals submitted under item 21:

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

(A/51/L.26, L.27, L.32, L.37)

(d) Assistance to the Palestinian people

(A/51/L.41).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 36th meeting Conference Room 3

1. United Nations Common System [121] (E/1993/119 and Add.1, A/50/30 and Add.1, A/C.5/50/23, A/51/30, A/C.5/51/24 and A/C.5/51/25 and Corr.1)

   Continuation of general discussion

2. United Nations Pension System [122] (A/51/9 and Corr.1, A/51/644 and A/C.5/51/4)

   Continuation of general discussion

3. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [115] (A/51/515)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/51/3 Parts I and II)

   Introduction and general discussion

5. Other matters

   Oral reports by coordinators on the results of informal consultations.

Informal consultations

Morning* 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 153, 154 and 155 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (A/51/519 and Corr.1 and A/51/681), Financing of the United Nations Transition Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (A/51/520 and A/51/681) and Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (A/51/508 and Corr.1 and A/51/681))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/50/11/Add.2 and Corr.1))

6 p.m.- 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme Planning (A/51/6 (Perspective), A/51/6 (Note), A/51/6 (fascicle), A/51/6 (Prog.9)/Rev.1, A/51/6 (Prog.11)/Rev.1, A/51/16 (Parts I and II), A/C.5/51/10 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/19, A/C.5/51/26, A/C.5/51/27, A/C.5/51/31, A/C.5/51/28 and A/C.6/51/8 and Add.1-2))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

Draft reports

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* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 4 December 1996

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(Fifth Committee matters: items 116, 119, 120 and other matters)

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(Third Committee matters: NGO participation)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and all interested delegations on a draft resolution on Assistance in Mine Clearance under agenda item 34 *today*, 4 December 1996 at 12 noon in Conference Room 6.

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Discussion

The Conference of NGOs in consultative status with Economic and Social Council will hold an informal discussion on the actions taken by the General Assembly at its current session, including the question of the participation of NGOs in all areas of work of the United Nations. Interested delegations and NGOs are invited to attend. The meeting will be held *today*, 4 December 1996, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from *today* 4 December 1996, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing at 3 p.m., in the Press Briefing Room S-226, by the Presidency of the Security Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on those days when consultations of the whole are scheduled in the morning.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 5 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 73rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Assistance in mine clearance: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/540) [34].

3 p.m. 74th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Assistance in mine clearance: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/540) [34].
2. Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions [21 (b)]:
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/303, A/51/356, A/51/560);
   (b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.22, L.24/Rev.1, L.25/Rev.1, L.30).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (item 45)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 45 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) will be held on Thursday, 5 December 1996, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

In commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People presents a screening of a series of films until Thursday, 5 December 1996, in the Dag-Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m. *today*, 4 December

1996, the following will be screened: "Palestine: Story of a Land" (Part II).

Note: Due to technical difficulties, the film "Aqabat Jaber: Peace with no return" was not presented on Monday, 2 December. The film will now be presented on Thursday, 5 December 1996, immediately following "Palestine: Story of a Land" (Part II).

Exhibition

A cultural exhibition entitled "Preserving the Legacy, A New Dawn of Hope" is presented by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations. The exhibition is on display in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Thursday, 5 December 1996.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Thursday, 5 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The Open-ended Consultation Group of the United Nations Disarmament Commission will hold informal consultations on the question of substantive agenda items for the Commission's 1997 substantive session. The meeting will take place on Thursday, 5 December 1996 at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5776) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Briefing

The Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development will discuss recent issues and trends in the disability field under the theme "Disability and Poverty" on Thursday, 5 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Conference Room 2. United Nations delegates, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media, as well as interested staff, are invited.

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The United Nations Coordinator of International Cooperation on Chernobyl, Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Under Secretary General, will convene a meeting of the ministerial level Quadripartite Committee for Coordination on Chernobyl, expanded to include repre sentatives of interested Member States and members of the United Nations Task Force for Chernobyl, on Friday, 6 December 1996 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Seminar

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations will hold an Open-ended Seminar on Promotion of South-South Cooperation, chaired by H.E. Mr. Owada, Permanent Representative of Japan, on 6 and 7 December 1996. The Seminar will be held on Friday, 6 December, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Rooms A and B, and on Saturday, 7 December, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trygve Lie Rooms A and B, at the U.N. Plaza Hotel. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 29 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 56th meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.39/Rev.1

The representative of Ireland orally revised the draft resolution.

Andorra, Japan, the Marshall Islands, Peru, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Zambia, Nicaragua, the Philippines and Costa Rica.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.41/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Japan, Poland and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria and Egypt.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 78 to 26, with 49 abstentions.

The representative of South Africa made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.53/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Albania, Liechtenstein, Lithuania and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Ireland made a statement on behalf of the European Community.

The representative of Nigeria requested a vote on the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland, Nigeria, Iraq and the Gambia.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 86 to 14, with 56 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.68

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United States orally revised the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States and the Netherlands, as well as by the Chairperson.

The representative of the Russian Federation proposed an amendment to the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Egypt, Ireland and Cuba, who also requested a suspension of the meeting.

Following the resumption of the meeting, the Secretary read out the amendment proposed by the representative of the Russian Federation.

Statements were made by the representatives of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, Saudi Arabia, Croatia, Ireland, the United States, Senegal, Malaysia, Oman, Pakistan, the Netherlands, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Morocco, Spain, Chile, Italy and Costa Rica.

The amendment was rejected by a recorded vote of 90 to 4, with 43 abstentions.

Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The representative of Croatia made a statement.

The representative of the Russian Federation requested a vote on the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece and the Russian Federation.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 131 to 1, with 20 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ghana.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 110 (c).

57th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Statements were made by the representatives of El Salvador, Peru, the Philippines, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Morocco, the United States of America, Sudan, Namibia, the Netherlands, China, Australia, Norway, Nigeria, Zambia, Ghana, Algeria, France, and Iran.

The representatives of the Secretariat responded to questions raised in the discussion.

The Committee then adopted the draft biennial programme of work for 1997-1998, contained in document A/C.3/51/L.72, as orally amended.

The Committee took note of the report of the Economic and Social Council, contained in documents A/51/3, Part I and Part II, in particular chapters I to IV, V (sections A and E), and VII, which had been allocated to the Third Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Zambia, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Colombia (on behalf of the countries of the Non-Aligned Movement), Jamaica (on behalf of the group of Latin American and Caribbean states), Lebanon (on behalf of the group of Asian states), Australia, Kenya, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Russian Federation, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, South Africa (on behalf of the South African Development Countries), Congo, the United States of America and Senegal.

The Chairperson made a statement and declared the work of the Committee concluded.

Monday, 2 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 37th and 38th meetings

Note: The summary of the 37th and 38th meetings of the Second Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/236).

Tuesday, 3 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

70th plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East [33]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/543, A/51/678-S/1996/953)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.38, L.39, L.40)

The representatives of Norway, the Russian Federation and the United States introduced draft resolution A/51/L.40 in the course of their statements.

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Bangladesh, Yemen, KUWAIT, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Ghana, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Hungary, Iceland, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania and Slovakia), Pakistan, Belarus and Ukraine.

Programme of work

The General Assembly decided that the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund would be held in the afternoon of Wednesday, 11 December.

71st plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East [33]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/543, A/51/678-S/1996/953)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.38, L.39, L.40)

Statements were made by the representatives of Jordan, the Republic of Korea, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt,

Japan, Cuba, Malaysia, the Czech Republic, Senegal, Argentina and Australia.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Lebanon.

Programme of Work

The General Assembly was informed that, on Friday, 6 December, in the afternoon, it would resume consideration of agenda item 41 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies) and agenda item 44 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s) with a view to taking action on the draft resolutions submitted under those two items. That same afternoon, the General Assembly would also consider agenda item 162 (Proclamation of 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day).

The Assembly was further informed that on Tuesday, 10 December, in the afternoon, it would consider the reports of the First Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
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49th and 50th meetings

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee concluded its discussion of the item.

Consideration of reports [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of the Dominican Republic in private meeting (E/1990/6/Add.7).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement to Establish the South Center, opened for signature at Geneva on 1 September 1994

Ratification: Yugoslavia (3 December 1996)*

United Nations Convention on Independent Guarantees and Stand-by Letters of Credit, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 11 December 1995

Signature: Belarus (3 December 1996)

Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, adopted on 4 August 1995 by the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Signature: Spain (3 December 1996)

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 September 1996

Signature: Zambia (3 December 1996)

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run from 3 to 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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